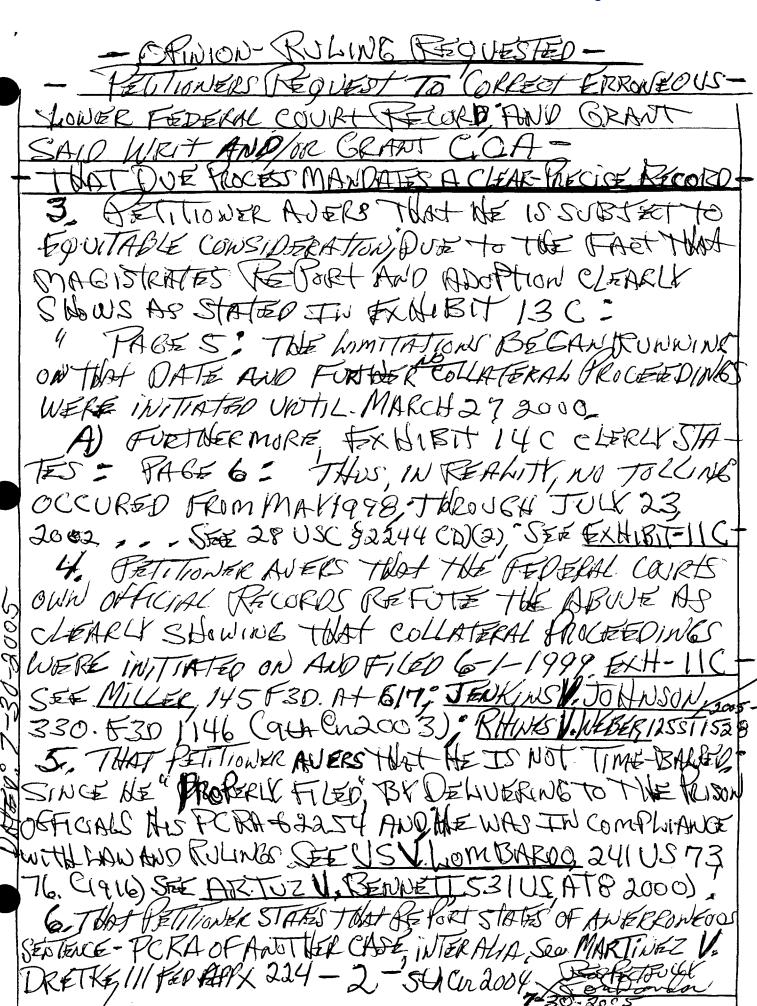
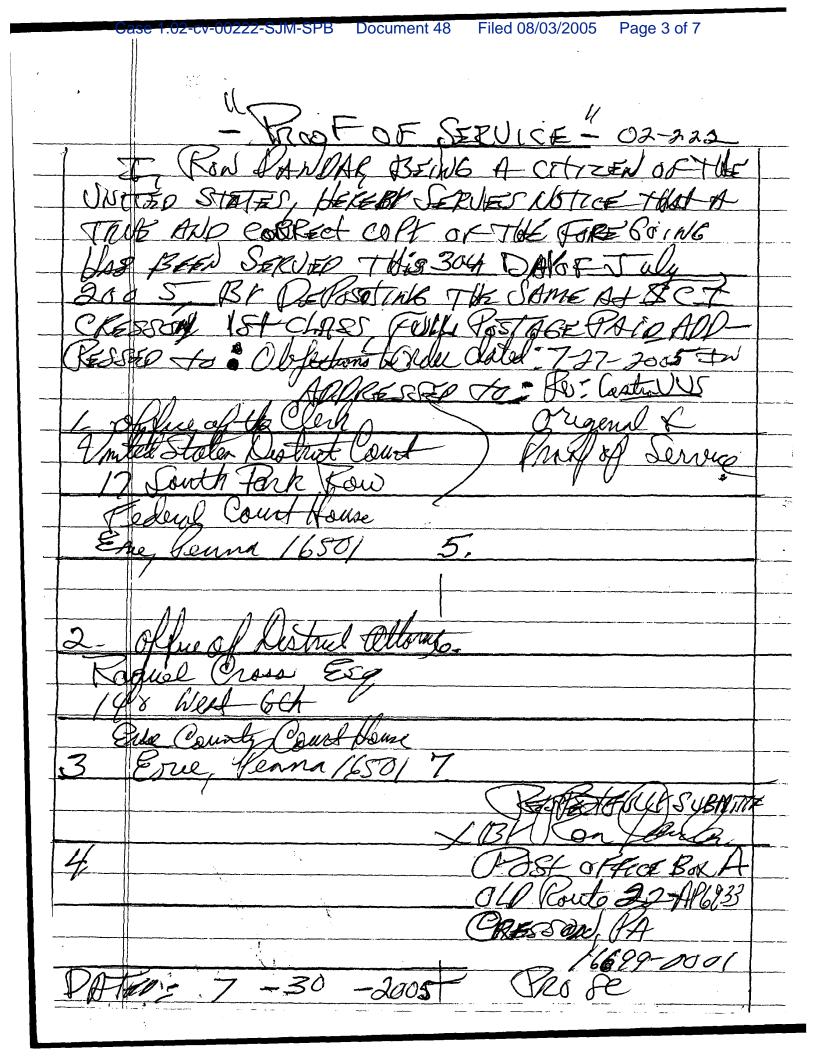
United States WITTRICK COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF FELINSYLVANIA RONALD 6 DANDAR NO, 01-222 BETCHENER TO- HONDRABLE TUD GE COMMONWEALTH OF a SEAN MCHAUBBLING - VEOLEST FOR AN OPINION BENNOY WVANIA . 2254 HABEAP CORPOR HETITION FOR WRITOF FREDR CORAM NOBIS -FORM ORDER DATED: 7-27-2005 STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES-FETITIONER AUER THAT HOLE COURT HAS ADOTT-ED THE MAGISTRATES REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION 27-2005 AND VENIED CERTIFICATE OF ALKANABILITY 2. TORT VETITIONER AVERS THAT HE MASSHOWN SUBSTANTIAL SHOWING OF VIOLATIONS OF HIS CON-STITUTIONAL FIGHTS; KIGHES YROMULGATED AS A QUALITIED HANDICATTER GERSON AND THE COURT IS MANDATED BY TOK KUKS 22(B) (1) AND 28 USC 9 2253 (C) TO ISSUE PETITIONER COA AND/OR STATES (VERBATIN) SPECIFIC ARTICULATED OF WY HE COURTS IS DENING THE COA. SEE CASTRO V. VNTHEOSTATES 310 F3D 900 (644 Cn. 2002); FED RULES OF APP PROC 22 (BXII); USV. OLANO 113 SET 1770, 1993. 2 THAT GETTTOWER AVERS THAT HES HABEAS CARPOS WAS PROPERLY FILED AND THE STATE COURTS AND FEDERAL COURTS ROLING WAS CONTRARY TO OR IN VOLUME TO VOLUME AN UNREASONABLE APPLICATION OF FEDERAL LAW WILLIAM WOR 120 Sct 1495 (2000) GRANTAN FELIET V





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DANDAR v. BRENNAN, et al

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Dkt# in other court: None

Cause: 28:2254 Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (State)

RONALD G. DANDAR petitioner

RONALD G. DANDAR AP 6933 [COR LD NTC] [PRO SE] SCI Albion 10745 Route 18 Albion, PA 16475-0004

v.

EDWARD T. BRENNAN, Superintendent respondent

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA respondent

OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF CRAWFORD COUNTY respondent

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As stated above, section 2244(d)(2) provides that "[t]he time during which a properly filed application for State post-conviction or other collateral review with respect to the pertinent judgment or claim is pending shall not be counted toward any period of limitation under this subsection." 28 U.S.C. §2244(d)(2)(emphasis supplied). State court collateral appeals occurring prior to April 24, 1996 are irrelevant, as the limitations period had not yet begun to run and, therefore, could not be tolled. The first collateral appeals filed after AEDPA's effective date were a Writ of Coram Nobis filed on May 30,1997, and a Motion for Reconsideration of Sentence filed on July 31, 1997. Even assuming that each of these were "properly filed" state court collateral appeals, more than one year of countable time had already elapsed when they were commenced.

Further, the first of these two collateral proceedings was terminated within weeks and Dandar did not appeal. The second motion was denied, and the appeal from that denial concluded on May 12, 1998. The limitations period began running on that date, and no further collateral proceedings were initiated until March 27, 2000. Thus, another 25 ½ months of countable time elapsed between state court appeals.

Finally, the March 27, 2000 PCRA petition was dismissed by the state courts on the basis that it was not timely filed. In <u>Artuz v. Bennett</u>, 531 U.S. 4, 8 (2000), the Supreme Court defined the meaning of a "properly filed" collateral appeal for purposes of AEDPA's tolling provision. A pleading is "filed" "when it is delivered to, and accepted by, the appropriate court officer for placement in the official record." <u>Id</u>. The Court further clarified that a pleading is "properly filed" "when its delivery and acceptance are in compliance with the applicable laws and

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rules governing filings." Id. Federal courts are bound by state court findings concerning whether collateral appeals have been properly filed. Merritt v. Blaine, 326 F.3d 157, 166 (3d Cir. 2003)("we hold that we are bound by the state court's finding that Merritt's second PCRA petition was untimely."). Here, the state courts held that Dandar's 2000 PCRA was untimely. This court is forced to find that Dandar's March, 2000 PCRA petition was not "properly filed" for purposes of AEDPA's tolling provision. Thus, in reality, no tolling occurred from May 1998 through July 23, 2002, when this petition was filed, making the instant petition grossly out of time.

Nothing in the record indicates that Dandar is entitled to take advantage of any of the exceptions to the one-year limitations period. Specifically, he has failed to show that his claims are based on a constitutional right newly recognized by the Supreme Court and made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review; nor has he shown that his claims are based on a factual predicate that could not have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence. 28 U.S.C. §2254(d)(1)(C-D).

Finally, the one-year limitation in §2244(d) is a statute of limitations, not a jurisdictional bar, and may be equitably tolled. Miller v. New Jersey State Dept. of Corrections, 145 F.3d 616, 618 (3d Cir. 1998). "Equitable tolling is proper only when the principles of equity would make the rigid application of a limitation period unfair. Generally, this will occur when the petitioner has in some extraordinary way been prevented from asserting his or her rights. The petitioner must show that he or she exercised reasonable diligence in investigating and bringing the claims. Mere excusable neglect is not sufficient." <u>Id.</u> at 618-19 (internal citations, quotations, and punctuation omitted); <u>Hizbullahankhamon</u>, v. Walker, 255 F.3d 65, 75 (2d Cir. 2001) ("To

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